



September 2023

Elwha News

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LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

Canoe Journeys 2023: Paddle to Muckleshoot





Letter From the Co-Chair

September-2023

Dear Lower Elwha Tribal Community Members,

I hope my letter finds you healthy and happy. By the time you read this, it will be an old letter, like a month behind. But I feel it's important to keep you up to date with what I am doing and what some of my goals are. My goals come from helping to achieve your goals that came out of the Strategic Plan. Thank you for participating in the meetings and surveys.

September is already here and school has begun. It seems that this year is flying by. I hope that all our students are ready to be back to school. Getting back to school is an exciting time. I am so proud of our language program in the schools. Thank you Wendy and all the others involved. Not many public schools can boast about teaching the local tribe's language in their classrooms.

Paddle to Muckleshoot was an exciting time for everyone. I had a real good time at Muckleshoot. The hosts did an outstanding job. I have heard that there were 11,000 participants and witnesses that attended! WOW! When the Klallam and the S'Klallams took the floor it was awesome. We were there in numbers. I got chills seeing us all together again. We sure live up to our name. Strong People! What a sight! I am so proud, honored and humbled to be among the people on the floor when that took place. The audience was pumped up and excited also. We had a lot of volunteers to get our canoe to Muckleshoot. I want to thank all of them. I would start calling out folks but I would miss names. One name I will call out is Emma Bankson. She was our coordinator for this journey. Thank you Emma!!

Frances announced that we were taking on the challenge to host Canoe Journeys in 2025. We want to celebrate our successful dam removal project. We have been and will continue our planning for 2025 hosting. It really isn't that far away. I haven't heard if any tribe has taken the challenge for 2024. Of course we will have to work hard at making this a successful event. We hosted in 2005 and it went very well. I know we can do it again.

Too bad Elwha, Jamestown and Port Gambe Tribes don't come together on inter-tribal issues. We need to support each other and now it seems that we don't agree on much anymore. I would like to improve our relationships with our sister tribes. We are stronger especially when we three tribes are together on an issue with the state as co-managers.



Letter From the Co-Chair

The Fish Committee is working on details to execute our Ceremonial & Subsistence Fishery on the Elwha River. We announced this a while back. It is coming to fruition. I know very little about the plans or details. But I know that we are going to make it as fair as we can to let fishers on the river. I look at this fishery as more of a test fishery. Every fish will be sampled, measured and all the other things our biologists need to know about that fish. I am hoping we can have a ceremony before we go fishing. Other tribes are interested in witnessing this fishery also. It is a good time to be a Lower Elwha Tribal Community Member. A lot of things are going on.

I am still advocating on purchasing land for middle income members as our housing department is only for low income families. Of course, we have to find funding. I think the next step would be to lay down infrastructure such as streets, water, sewer and lights. I really think this is a doable task. We have the support from our members and council but no funding.

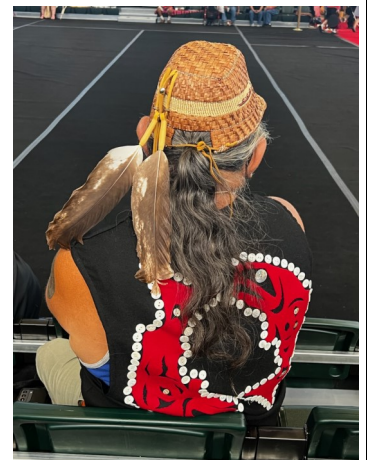
We, the Council still need to work on amending or rewriting our constitution. That should be at the forefront of all our duties. I am anxious to get going on that. We need at least a few community meetings, with dinner and raffles of course, to show and inform you of what we think is needed. It seems that we get so busy and tied up in other issues that this one gets left behind.

I had the opportunity and honor to speak at the 2023 Tribal Climate Camp held at Nature Bridge, Olympic National Park today. The camp was centered on climate change. I spoke about our treaty and Elwha River restoration. It as a large group of staff from tribes in the northwest. Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Lower Elwha, Jamestown, and Port Gamble also sponsored the event. Allyce Miller helped pull everything together out there. Allyce works at our Natural Resources. Thank you Allyce.

Thank you for allowing me to represent the Lower Elwha Tribal Community.

Respectfully,

Russell (RAZZ) N. Hepfer





Tribal Operations/Public Health Officer Update

COVID Outbreak – 2023 Canoe Journeys

Our number of post canoe journey COVID cases has reached the highest numbers we've seen in our community. This is a reminder that COVID continues to evolve, and develop into new strains. We were caught with our guard down and most folks were not wearing masks in canoe journey group settings. Many folks who got COVID were vaccinated and experienced mild to moderate symptoms, but a few unvaccinated folks experienced the most severe symptoms with some needing care at the emergency department.

COVID vaccines remain available at the Lower Elwha Clinic, and ages 65 and older are eligible for an additional booster dose and those eligible qualify for the \$200 booster incentive.

The recent COVID outbreak reminds us to remain stocked up on our testing supplies, face masks, and hand sanitizer. Face masks and COVID tests can be picked up from the clinic or from the front lobby of the Tribal Center.

New Tribal APP!

We are excited to announce the launch of our Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Camp Crier app! Please visit the app store/Google Play store to download the app and begin to receive updates on news, announcements, and community happenings.

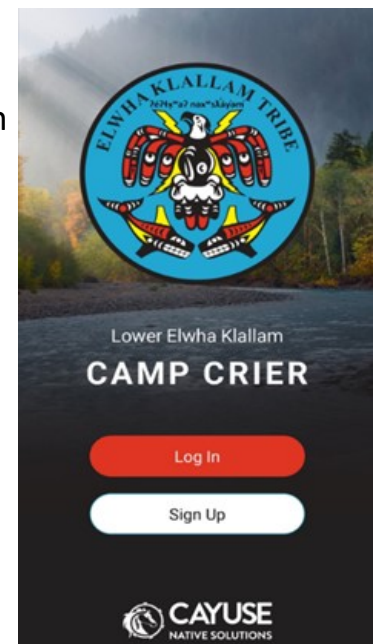
Please note: Camp Crier is the official app name by Cayuse Native Solutions, and LEKT was not able to change the name.

Free COVID Tests

State of Washington is still offering Free COVID tests as well, they can be ordered here: <https://www.sayyescovidhometest.org/>

Free Air Purifiers

Do you have Asthma or COPD and haven't already received an air purifier? Call Tia at 360-452-8471 ext. 7420. We have a small amount of free air purifiers supplied by the National Indian Health Board for wildfire preparedness, and you may qualify for one.



- Tia Skerbeck, Tribal Operations/Public Health Officer



It's not too late to vaccinate.

Even if they missed a vaccine, your child can catch up instead of starting school behind.

Visit your health care provider for vaccinations and wellness visit.





Wellness

**Let's send our
children back to
school feeling
like the Strong
People they are.**





Nutrition & Diabetes

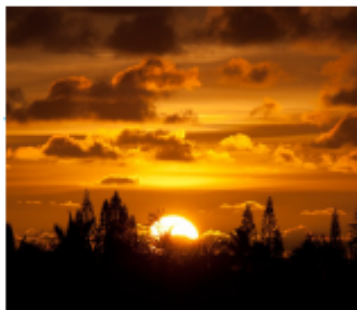
AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

KLALLAM STRONG: NUTRITION & DIABETES NEWSLETTER

Dawn Travelstead, RD, MS, CDE, Lower Elwha Health Clinic

In this issue:

- Beans
- Lowering Glucose
- Did you know?



Ways to Lower Blood Sugar

Keeping your blood glucose between 80-140 is the goal, but sometimes you can have spikes. It's the spikes that can make you feel tired and thirsty, but also can lead to long time damage to your organ systems.

1. **Exercise Often.** Physical activity even in little spurts during the day helps. Muscles use glucose as fuel and make the body more sensitive to your own insulin at lowering blood sugar.
2. **Eat More Fiber.** Fiber slows down digestion and prevents spikes. You should aim for 25-30 grams of fiber a day. Best sources: beans, nuts, seeds, berries, and whole grains.
3. **Add Apple Cider Vinegar.** Use this in salad dressing and sauces. Drinking 1 TBL in water before a meal can also lower blood sugar. How? It slows down digestion and makes the body more sensitive to your insulin.
4. **Consume Probiotic Foods.** Improves gut health and helps lower fasting glucose.

Did you know?

Walnuts are a good source of Omega 3 oils! Have a handful 3 times a week.



Importance OF Eating Beans!

Beans....everybody makes fun of this powerhouse food. They are packed with vitamins, minerals, and phytonutrients. Beans also have protein and fiber. Beans are really a super food. And, they are CHEAP!

Types of beans: pinto/kidney/lima/chickpea/black

We should be eating 1 1/2 c of beans a week and the majority of Americans don't reach this goal.

The benefits of beans:

- Improves gut health. Beans help to reduce the bad gut bacteria you may have.
- Helps lower heart disease risk. Beans have the fiber that lowers cholesterol, blood sugar and cholesterol.
- Loaded with nutrients. Fiber, calcium, magnesium, folate, iron and potassium.

Potential Downsides

1. Can make you gassy. You need to start slow adding them to your diet. Your gut will adjust.
2. Takes a long time to cook, and when I cook beans and then package them in small portions in a freezer bag and freeze them for later use. You can also use canned beans; just rinse them first.
3. The LECTIN issue. Lectins become inactivated when you soak and cook them.

Adding them to your diet is as easy as putting them in burritos, tacos, on your salad, in wraps and soup.

If you would like a nutrition session, please call me @ 360-912-1500.





Emergency Management



On October 19th at 10:19 am the The Great Washington Shakeout will be held where millions of people worldwide participate in earthquake drills.

By now many of you are used to hearing the tsunami siren sound the Winchester chimes test each month.

On October 19th the siren will use the actual tone for an impending tsunami.

When you hear the siren you are encouraged to DROP, COVER and HOLD, remaining under cover until the siren stops. In an actual earthquake you would cover until the shaking stops.

Once the siren stops on the 19th, if you are on the lower part of the reservation near the water, you are encouraged to evacuate to the Justice Center located at 341 Spokwes Drive. Once there you will remain in your vehicle and you will be directed around the center to a waiting area. There you will be given information on preparing for disasters and you will also be given a raffle ticket for prizes.

The drawing for the prizes will be held late in the afternoon and the prizes will be delivered to the winners.

The potential for a devastating earthquake in the Pacific Northwest is significant. I strongly encourage everyone to begin preparing now for what many experts believe in the inevitable.

For more information on preparing for disaster go to Washington State Emergency Management Department or email me at glen.roggenbuck@elwha.org



Housing

LEHA September 2023 Newsletter



Inspections will continue through the last part of the month, follow up inspections could run until the end of September. Tenants with questions or concerns regarding inspections can call the office for a detailed list of housekeeping requirements. Since dump funds are **NOT** available at this time, excess bagged trash can be deposited in the dumpster behind the tribal office.

LEHA is happy to announce that conveyances will be ready by the end of the year!!! Thank you, Marilyn Edgington for all your work on this.

Noteworthy Dates This Month:

September 6th at 4:30: Section 184 Home Loan informational meeting hosted by
1st Tribal Lending

September 26th at 5:00: State Farm Homeowner Insurance class

****IF YOU HAVE PAID OFF YOUR MUTUAL HELP HOME THIS CLASS IS FOR YOU!!****

This is a friendly reminder that fall is quickly approaching, which means cool, wet weather will be here soon. Please keep your yards, and exterior of your homes, free from clutter and yard waste to prevent rodent infestations. They'll be looking for a place to stay warm and dry, let's make sure that place isn't your home.

Please call the office at 360-457-5116 if you see rodents , or signs of them, in or around your home. The LEHA office is open :8:00 am—5:00 pm Monday through Friday.



Public Works & Summer Youth

This year's summer youth consisted of 14-18 year olds, mostly 14-15. The work these kids did was amazing. From hardly talking with each other the first few days, to building friendships with non-stop talking & building excellent work habits and teamwork.

They learned different parts to Public Works and the hard work it takes to be successful. Each worker, of course, has their own personalities for sure and it was a pleasure working with each one. In preparation for Canoe Journeys, we cleared blackberry, scotch broom, and bull thistle for campsites and parking. As well as general (routine) maintenance around the Rez. Even though we never got to do the projects I had prepared, it was a pleasure getting ready for Canoe Journeys and what it takes to work hard 8 hours everyday with me. They did learn how to use various tools and power tools. They did step out of their comfort zone and performed very well.

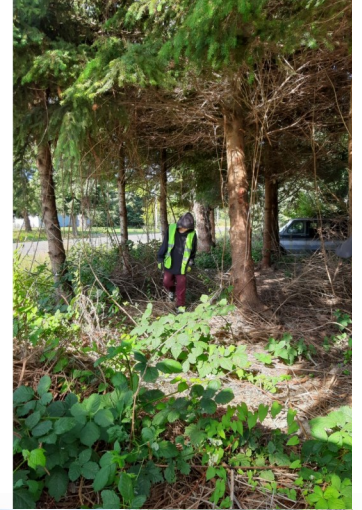
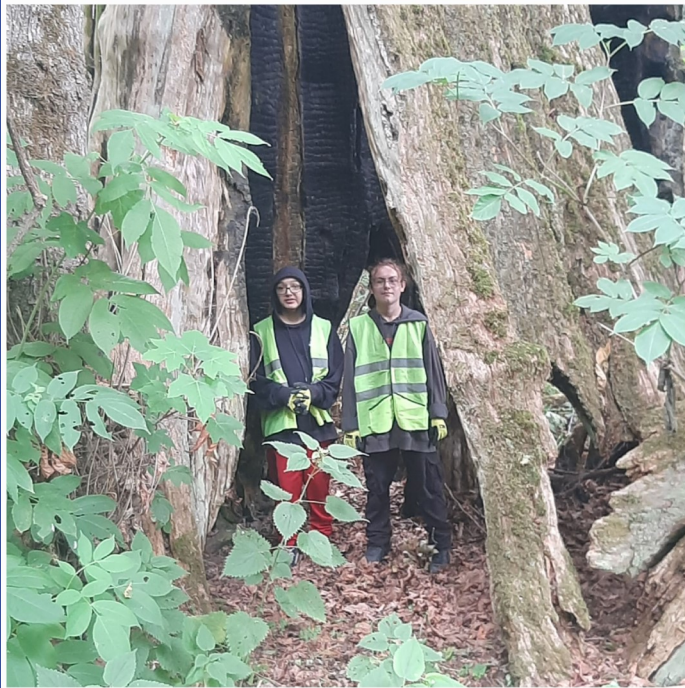
I'm proud of each one of these kids and I know they are proud of the work they did. My members of this year's "Squatch Squad '23" are William webber, Mckenzie Trantham, Robert Charles, Natalee Thompson, Charles Burlingame, Leon Miller-Lucreo. This group was with me from start to finish. I started with 11, but other departments needed some help too. Sundray Korsmo Jr and Jared Gadberry went to help Brad Bennett over at water/waste water; Eli Tipler, Carter Westenhaver went with Natural Resources; AJ Clifford moved on to KCS and Jordan Saluskin went with Recreation. All of them did great and I look forward to next summer. Thank you Klallam Tribe and parents for allowing me to work with these amazing young "Strong People". I know they learned good work ethics that will carry them into adulthood.

Thanks, Mo (Squatch Squad Leader)





Public Works & Summer Youth





Language & Culture

ʔéʔtɬʷaʔ Drum Group & Community Classes

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| 9/05/23 | 8am-1pm Fish at Quilcene |
| 9/06/23 | 9am Fillet Fish at Culture Center |
| 9/09/23 | Peninsula Comm. College Fall Spectacular |
| 9/12/23 | 5-7 pm Drum Group @Culture Center (322 Stratton Rd) |
| 9/18/23 | 10-4 pm Paddle Carving @ Canoe Shed (2851 Lower Elwha rd) |
| 9/19/23 | 10-7 pm Paddle Carving @ Canoe Shed |
| 9/24/23 | 10am-2 pm Paddle Carving @ Canoe Shed |
| 9/26/23 | Drum Group 5-7pm @Culture Center |

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| 10/03/23 | 10am-7 pm Rattle Carving @ Culture Center |
| 10/10/23 | 5-7 pm Drum Group @ Culture Center |
| 10/17/23 | 10am- 7 pm Rattle Carving @ Culture Center |
| 10/22/23 | 10am- 2 pm @ Culture Center |
| 10/24/23 | 5-7 pm Drum Group @ Culture Center |

TRIBAL YOUTH ROYALTY

Warrior Tots: 3- 5 years old.

Warrior Junior: 6-12 years old.

Warrior Candidates: 13-18 years old.

Please reach out to Harmony for Royalty applications

Harmony.arakawa@elwha.org or 360.452.8471 x7422



Paddle to Muckleshoot 2023



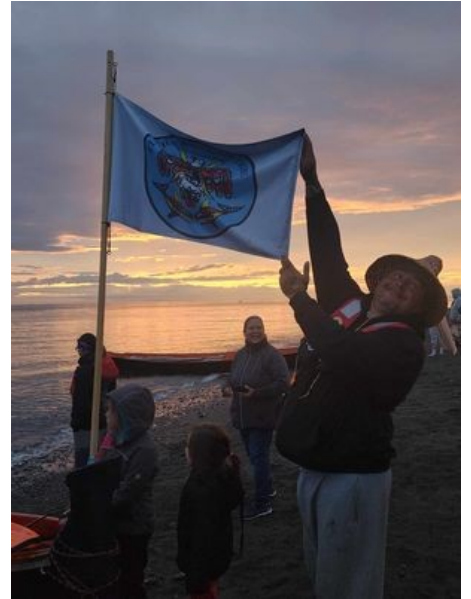


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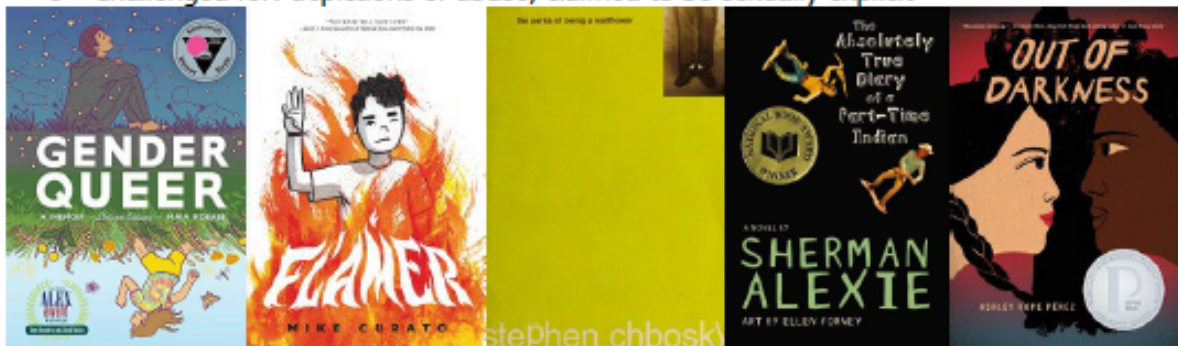


Library

September is Banned Books Month in the Library

Here at the LEKT Library, one of our core values is supporting the intellectual freedom of our community members by providing access to books and information on a broad range of topics, regardless of viewpoint. That's why we celebrate Banned Books Month by featuring the top 10 (or more) banned or challenged books in the US for the previous year. As noted by the American Library Association, "When we ban books, we're closing off readers to people, places, and perspectives. But when we stand up for stories, we unleash the power that lies inside every book. We liberate the array of voices that need to be heard and the scenes that need to be seen." In 2022, the ALA documented 1,269 attempts to ban library books in the US, the highest number recorded since it began compiling this data over 20 years ago. By featuring (and reading) banned books, we are pushing back against those who wish to silence opposing points of view, and we come one step closer to insuring that everyone can have access to all perspectives and insure that all voices can be heard. Here are a few of the top banned books from 2022 that you can find in the Library:

- ***Gender Queer: A Memoir* by Maia Kobabe**
 - Challenged for: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit
- ***Flamer* by Mike Curato**
 - Challenged for: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit
- ***The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky**
 - Challenged for: depiction of sexual abuse, LGBTQIA+ content, drug use, profanity, claimed to be sexually explicit
- ***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie**
 - Challenged for: profanity, claimed to be sexually explicit
- ***Out of Darkness* by Ashley Hope Perez**
 - Challenged for: depictions of abuse, claimed to be sexually explicit



September 22nd is Hobbit Day!

Hobbit Day represents the birthdays of Bilbo and Frodo Baggins from J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* series, and it's the day to celebrate all things LOTR. So take off your shoes (Hobbits go barefoot, after all), have second breakfast, and read *The Hobbit*, *The Fellowship of the Ring*, *The Two Towers*, or *The Return of the King*, all available in the Library! Though we do ask you to wear shoes if you come in.

Weekly Classes Continue

We are continuing our weekly class series each Tuesday at 5-6pm in the Library. This month's schedule is as follows: Sept. 5: Introduction to MS Excel with Northstar Online Learning; Sept. 12: Information Literacy: How to Tell Fact from Fake; Sept. 19: Introduction to MS Word with Northstar Online Learning; Sept. 26: Introduction to Coding with Scratch for kids (4th-12th grades). There will not be a class on Oct. 3.



LEFA



Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe - Lower Elwha Family Advocacy Program (Social Services Department)

3080 Lower Elwha Road; Office (360) 565-7275 ext. 7453; (360) 460-1745;

(360) 775-9346 crisis or non-crisis matters.

E-mail: Beatriz.arakawa@elwha.org

Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Stalking, and Provide Prevention/Awareness and Support Group.

Mission: Victim's Safety and Autonomy through Advocacy and Community Awareness

Dearest Tribal and Community Members,

- I do hope you enjoyed your summer season. For me, the month of August brought many mix emotions and challenges. However, it gave me hope and healing. For examples, **Personal:** I had two mini canoe paddling practices. I witnessed the arrival of canoe families to Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Alki Beach in Seattle and watched several protocols at Lower Elwha and Muckleshoot. I had a great time with my family and the lived music bands at Clallam County Fair. But then, I was devastated of what had happened and the impact of wildfire in Lahiana, Maui, Hawaii, and the loss of a tribal member.

Professional: I delivered elders' lunch once; attended the 18th Annual Tribal and OW Government to Government Consultation in Tulsa, Oklahoma; provided resources and outreach at "Take Back the Night" awareness in Quileute and "Back to School" in the Elwha Gym; rendered multiple direct services to several victims/survivors of violence.

- At the Tribal consultation, I was privileged and authorized to speak on behalf of Honorable Chairwoman Frances Charles. My sincerest gratitude to Chairwoman Charles for giving me permission and blessings to represent the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. My voice heard by many federal government representatives including Office of Violence Against Women - OVW, Tribal leaders/Council, and different dignitaries and advocates from around the United States that were in the consultation room and virtual. I was personally able to thank and appreciate them for awarding Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe (highest amount of funds since I started the job with the Tribe). I have asked favors in which they provided positive feedback. Thank you to my supervisor Becca Sampson-Weed and all involved for allowing me to travel despite of busy schedules and short of staff.
- I was invited to participate and provide service resources at the New Beginning Program "Take Back the Night" awareness or exhibit in Quileute Tribe and at Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe "Back to School Kick off". The Elwha Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force members and supporters virtually met and discussed domestic abuse awareness for October.
- On September, staff maybe attending WSCADV – Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence conference, participate on **National Domestic Violence Count (The DV Counts survey date is Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 8:00 AM EDT through Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 7:59 AM EDT)**, prepare for October Awareness, and start facilitating prevention class.

Announcement: Effective October 17th to December 19th, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, I will be providing a prevention class called "**Parent in the Know**". More details to follow. If you are interested, call Beatriz at above listed contact information.

Have you heard NamUs? NamUs is a national information repository and resource center for missing, unidentified, and unclaimed person cases across the United States. NamUs provides technology, forensic services, and investigative support to resolve missing person and unidentified remains cases. For more information, go to namus.nij.ojp.gov



LEFA & Education



Tribal and DOJ OVW Government to Government Consultation; Quileute Tribe New Beginning “Take Back the Night” Awareness

Did you know.....?

- Lower Elwha Family Advocacy Program has been in service for 23 years? <https://ncadv.org/STATISTICS>:
- “On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men?”
- 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men in the United States has been raped in their lifetime.
- Almost half of female (46.7%) and male (44.9%) victims of rape in the United States were raped by an acquaintance?”
- Studies suggest that there is a relationship between intimate partner violence and depression and suicidal behavior.

Thank you for your continuing support and partnering with LEFA.

In Solidarity,

Beatriz B. Arakawa,

LEFA – Lower Elwha Family Advocacy Program Manager and Victim Advocate

Hello all,

I hope everyone had an amazing summer break, I know I enjoyed the break from school! This summer we had two amazing groups participate in Nature Bridge. The first group was the Elementary students at the end of June then the Middle School group in July. Unfortunately we had to cancel the High School camp due to COVID.

With the school year starting up I just wanted to inform the community that I will be up at Dry Creek Elementary again this year. If any parent/guardian ever has any concerns, questions, etc. please feel free to reach out to me at 360-452-8471 ext. 7426 or Nizhoni.Wheeler@Elwha.Org.

We are still working out the details for the After School Program but plan on starting in September this year. I will get more information out for that here very soon. I cannot wait to see all the amazing faces the first day of school on Tuesday, September 5th.

Thank you,

Nizhoni Wheeler



Enterprise



LOWER ELWHA FOOD AND FUEL

NUMBER : (360) 452-5550

HOURS : 4:30PM - 10:00 PM



KWITSEN GRILL

NUMBER : (360) 912-7532

HOURS : 11:00AM - 7:00PM



CEDAR BOX SMOKE SHOP

NUMBER : (360) 452-9250

HOURS : 6:00AM - 7:00PM



ELWHA PEAKS

NUMBER : (360) 912-7533

HOURS : 8:00AM - 10:00PM

WANNA VEND? FOLLOW ALL SITES ON

Are you interested in vending your merchandise in our parking lot?

We would like to invite anyone who is interested to sell here in our lot!
If interested, please get in contact with our management to submit a request to set up, as soon as possible. Get your product seen by the thousands who pull through this lot, everyday!

CONTACT : MARKETING@ELWHAINC.COM



Hesshughes Ministries

Presents

Healing & Deliverance Service

Feast of Trumpets

Saturday SEPT. 16, 2023

10 AM – All day



Location: The Ark
577 West Sequim Bay Rd.
Sequim, WA
(360) 461 - 9036

*...they shall lay hands on
the sick, and they shall
recover. Mark 16:18*

*...and the LORD worked
through them, confirming
what they said by many
miraculous signs. Mark 16:20*



I would like to wish a big Happy Birthday to Issah Charles , Tim Goldsbury and Dashawn Austin-Goldsbury. I love you all, have a great day and have another great year! - Becky

Happy Birthday Kamia!
Hope you have an awesome day! Love Aunty and Zoey :)



**Happy 10th birthday to
Chloe Rae.**



Happy Birthday Emma! From Aunty Teva and Zoey! We love you and hope you have the bestest day! Your bright sweet shining soul deserves all the happiness! You melt aunty's heart!





LEPD

| 2023 Service Record for L & O | July |
|--|-------------|
| 911 Hang-Up | 9 |
| Abandoned Vehicle | 1 |
| Alarm/Alarm Check | 11 |
| Animal Calls | 2 |
| Assault | 4 |
| Boating Activity/Hunting | 8 |
| Business Check | 156 |
| Citizen Assist | 12 |
| Citizen Contact | 21 |
| Community Oriented Policing | 45 |
| Court Paperwork/Service | 9 |
| Disturbance | 8 |
| Drug Violation | 1 |
| DUI | 2 |
| Explosion | 1 |
| Firework Violation | 2 |
| Follow Up | 23 |
| Found/Recovered/Lost Property | 1 |
| Frequent Patrol Request | 83 |
| Harrassment | 1 |
| Malicious Mischief | 6 |

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| Mental/ITA | 1 |
| Misc. Info/False Reporting | 6 |
| Noise Complaint | 1 |
| Other Agency Assist | 11 |
| Overdose | 1 |
| Parking Complaint | 1 |
| Report of Open Door/Window | 4 |
| Runaway | 1 |
| Sex Offense/Monitor | 1 |
| Suspicious Person/Vehicle | 7 |
| Theft | 3 |
| Threats | 1 |
| Traffic Control/Emphasis/Hazard | 6 |
| Traffic Stops | 38 |
| Trespass | 8 |
| Unwanted Person | 1 |
| Violation of Court Order | 1 |
| Vehicle Accidents | 9 |
| Welfare Check | 9 |
| Warrant Attempts | 5 |
| Warrants-Tribal | 5 |
| Warrants-Non-Tribal | 1 |
| Total | 527 |





Resolution List

| Date | Resolution Number | Title | Vote For/Against/ Abstain | | |
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| 6-27-23 | 71-23 | Application of Liquor sales at the Elwha River Casino | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 6-27-23 | 72-23 | Approval of Professional services agreement with Shea, Carr & Jewell Inc. w/ a limited waiver of sovereign immunity | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 6-16-23 | 73-23 | Approval of submission of funding application to USFWS fish passage program to perform engineering design on E. Ennis road culvert | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 6-28-23 | 74-23 | Approval of LEKT COVID 19 workforce dev. Stabilization and retention KCS, Early head start, head start policies & procedures | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 6-30-23 | 76-23 | Adoption of 2023–2024 hunting regulations | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 7-10-23 | 77-23 | Approval of Lower Elwha Klallam Tribes membership with National Indian Gaming Association | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 7-18-23 | 78-23 | Adopting the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Volunteer policy | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 7-18-23 | 79-23 | Approval of April 2023 CAS Admin. Services Agreement w/ a limited waiver of sovereign immunity | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 8-18-23 | 81-23 | Approval of the LEKT 2023 Annual Marine Mammal regulations | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 8-15-23 | 82-23 | Adopting the fraud and misconduct policy of the LEKT | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 8-15-23 | 84-23 | Approval of recreation and conservation office agreement between the state of Wa. And through the salmon funding recovery board and the LEKT for Little Hoko wood restoration project #221187R, with a limited waiver of sovereign immunity | 3 | 0 | 0 |



Tribal Directory

Tribal Center

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Port Angeles, WA 98363
360.452.8471

Executive Director

Tonya Greene, Ext. 7469

Tribal Operations Officer

Tia Skerbeck, Ext. 7420

CFO Froilan Sarmiento, Ext. 7463

Accounting

2851 Lower Elwha Road
Rachelle Wheeler, Grants
Administrator Ext. 7465
Jo Klinski, Controller/Payroll
Ext. 7460

Cedar Box Smoke Shop

4779 S Dry Creek Road
360.477.1170

Children's House of Learning (Early Head Start, Head Start, Child Care, Prenatal Program)

291 Spokwes Dr
360.504.3141
Lola Moses, Early Learning Director
Ext. 7471

Bobi Clark, Child Care Program
Manager Ext. 3402
Deanna Murray, Health Manager
Ext. 7470
Ralena Cornelison, Family and
Community Partnership Ext. 7474
Darla Owens, Prenatal Program
Ext. 7475

Education

Jessica Egnew, Director Ext. 7425

Elwha Peaks Cannabis

4775 S Dry Creek Rd, Port Angeles
360.912.3469

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9/5 First Day of Head Start
9/5 PASD First Day of School
9/6 Section 184 Home Loan Informational Meeting
9/26 State Farm Homeowner Insurance class



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